

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2223
ANSWERED ON:01.12.2000
COFFEE PLANTATION
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

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- (a) whether there is any proposal to extend coffee production and plantation to areas which have not grown coffee yet; (
- (b) whether large potential exists in some States which are suitable for coffee plantation; (
- (c) whether the Coffee Board has not made a serious effort to find coffee varieties suitable for lands in Andhra Pradesh; (
- (d) whether existing coffee planters are preventing the Coffee Board from increasing coffee production in new areas; and (
- (e) the steps proposed to enhance coffee production in new areas?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

(SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) to (e) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. ~~2223~~ 2223
ANSWER ON 1.12.2000 REGARDING COFFEE PLANTATION.

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. The Coffee Board, through survey conducted by it, has identified areas suitable for coffee cultivation in the North-Eastern States and States of Andhra Pradesh and Orissa.

(c) : The Coffee Board, through research studies conducted in the Regional Coffee Research Station at Ragavendra Nagar, Vishakapatnam District and in the Coffee Demonstration Farm at Minimulluru also in Vishakapatnam District of Andhra Pradesh, has already identified coffee varieties which are best suited for cultivation in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

(d) : No, Sir.

(e) : To enhance coffee production in new areas, specially in the NE States, Andhra Pradesh and Orissa, the Board has been implementing a Special Area Programme for the development of coffee, during the 9th Five Year Plan. The Scheme envisages production increase through expansion of coffee areas and consolidation of existing coffee holdings through vacancy filling to maintain optimum plant population per acre and other intensive cultivation measures. The Scheme also aims at creating infrastructure for coffee processing in the tribal sector to ensure production of good quality coffee. The Board provides a subsidy of Rs.15,000/- per ha. for expansion and consolidation of coffee both in NE Region and Non-Traditional States of Andhra Pradesh and Orissa.